

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A device for securely transporting at least one article therein, said device comprising:
a container;
said container comprising at least one lid portion and at least one receiving portion, wherein said lid portion is suitably adapted to engage said receiving portion to form at least one containment volume therein;
said container suitably adapted for substantially secure engagement with a surface, wherein said engagement of said container with said surface permits the container to be positioned in at least a first orientation and a second orientation.
2. The device of claim 1, wherein said container further comprises a pull-rod receiving portion suitably adapted to receive a pull-rod for moving the container from a position in a first orientation to a position in a second orientation.
3. The device of claim 2, wherein said second orientation is approximately 90 degrees displaced from said first orientation.

4. The device of claim 1, wherein said engagement of said lid portion with said receiving portion comprises at least one of a hinge, a flap, a hasp, a lock, a pin, a bolt, a rod, a dowel, a press fitting, a clip, a clasp, a hook, a button, a clamp, a tab, a clench, a grapple, a grip, and a quick-release.
5. The device of claim 1, wherein said containment volume is at least one of substantially unitary and conformationally molded to receive an article for containment therein.
6. The device of claim 1, wherein at least one of said lid portion and said receiving portion further comprises at least one stand-off feature for at least one of positioning and resting said container in a particular orientation.
7. The device of claim 6, wherein said stand-off feature comprises at least one of a leg, a peg, a nub, a corrugation, a finger, a post, a rail, a pad, a cushion, a spring, and a shock absorbing element.
8. The device of claim 1, further comprising a surface for resting said container thereon, said surface comprising at least one stand-off feature for at least one of positioning and resting said container in a particular orientation.
9. The device of claim 8, wherein said stand-off feature comprises at least one of a leg, a peg, a nub, a corrugation, a finger, a post, a rail, a pad, a cushion, a spring, and a shock absorbing element.

10. The device of claim 1, wherein said engagement of said container with said surface comprises at least one of a hinge, a flap, a hasp, a lock, a pin, a bolt, a rod, a dowel, a press fitting, a clip, a clasp, a hook, a button, a clamp, a tab, a clench, a grapple, a grip, a cam-lock, a bearing-lock, a knob, a knurled nut, and a quick-release.
11. The device of claim 1, wherein said surface comprises the bed of a truck, the trunk of a car, the roof of a vehicle, the frame of a vehicle, the chassis of a vehicle, and a trailer bed.
12. The device of claim 1, wherein said first orientation and said second orientation comprise at least one of a transporting position, an operating position, a stowed position, a loading position, and an unloading position.

13. A method for securely transporting articles, said method comprising the step of:

providing a container;

said container comprising at least one lid portion and at least one receiving portion wherein said lid portion is suitably adapted to engage said receiving portion in order to form at least one containment volume therein;

said container suitably adapted for substantially secure engagement with a surface, wherein said engagement of said container with said surface permits the container to be positioned in at least a first orientation and a second orientation.

14. The method of claim **13**, further comprising the step of employing a pull-rod for moving said container from a position in said first orientation to a position in said second orientation.

15. The method of claim **13**, further comprising the step of engaging said lid portion with said receiving portion with at least one of a hinge, a flap, a hasp, a lock, a pin, a bolt, a rod, a dowel, a press fitting, a clip, a clasp, a hook, a button, a clamp, a tab, a clench, a grapple, a grip, and a quick-release.

16. The method of claim **13**, further comprising the step of at least one of positioning and resting said container in a particular orientation with respect to a surface.

- 17.** The method of claim **13**, further comprising the step of at least one of:
- loading an article into said containment volume;
 - unloading an article from said containment volume;
 - transporting an article in said containment volume;
 - transporting the container;
 - securing an article within said containment volume;
 - detaching the container from engagement with said surface;
 - disposing the container to a position substantially removed from said surface;
 - and
 - operating a device substantially within said containment volume.
- 18.** The method of claim **13**, further comprising the step of engaging said container with said surface with at least one of a hinge, a flap, a hasp, a lock, a pin, a bolt, a rod, a dowel, a press fitting, a clip, a clasp, a hook, a button, a clamp, a tab, a clench, a grapple, a grip, a cam-lock, a bearing-lock, a knob, a knurled nut, and a quick-release.

- 19.** A container apparatus for securely transporting a nuclear gauge device, said container comprising:
- a lid portion and a receiving portion, wherein said lid portion is suitably adapted to engage said receiving portion in order to form a containment volume therein;
 - said containment volume suitably adapted to receive a nuclear gauge device for containment therein;
 - said engagement of said lid portion with said receiving portion comprising at least one of a hinge and a lock;
 - said container apparatus suitably adapted for substantially secure engagement with a surface, wherein said engagement of said container apparatus with said surface permits the container apparatus to be positioned in a first orientation approximately 90 degrees displaced from a second orientation; and
 - said engagement of said container apparatus with said surface comprising at least one of a hinge, a lock, a bearing-lock, a knurled nut, and a quick-release.
- 20.** The container apparatus of claim **19**, wherein said first orientation and said second orientation comprise at least one of a transporting position, an operating position, a stowed position, a loading position, and an unloading position.